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HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

S T A F F.

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C. Newton,	Clerk to Sanitary Inspector. Appointed 1st October, 1941.



Council Offices,  
MILLOM.

September, 1942.

To the Chairman & Members of the  
Rural District Council of Millom.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my annual report for the  
year 1941.

The health of the community was satisfactory during  
the year.

It will be noted that the death rate has decreased  
whilst there is an increase in the birth rate. The infantile  
mortality rate has also decreased.

Although no unemployment figures are available now, it  
is certain that there was practically no unemployment during  
the year, as labour from other areas had to be imported.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the staff  
for their loyal services and also to express my appreciation  
of the continued support of the Chairman and members of the  
Council.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

I. SPEDDING JONES,

Medical Officer of Health.



STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS  
OF THE AREA.

General Statistics.

Area of District in acres	...	90,911
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-1941	...	12,930
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1941) according to Rate Books	...	3,424
Rateable Value	....	£57,396
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	£226





VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE DISTRICT.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
LIVE BIRTHS - Legitimate	194	105	89
Illegitimate	16	9	7

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population: 16.24

STILLBIRTHS - Legitimate	6	3	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Rate per 1,000 total Live and Stillbirths: 27.77

DEATHS -	166	86	80
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Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 12.83

Deaths from Puerperal Causes 1

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births ... 61.9

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ... 61.8

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... 62.5

Thirteen Infants under one year of age died during 1941.

The following were the causes of death:-

Prematurity	2
Congenital Debility	2
Gastro Enteritis	1
Pneumonia	3
Marasmus	1
Spina Bifida	1
Cerebral Compression due to instrumental delivery.	1
Pyloric Stenosis	1
Cerebral S. Meningitis.	1



Table showing the Vital Statistics for England and Wales  
as a whole and certain Groups in the County of Cumberland.

	Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.	Infantile Mortality Rate.
England and Wales	14.2	12.9	59
Administrative County of Cumberland	16.	12.6	56
Urban Districts of Cumberland (including Boroughs of Workington and Whitehaven)	16.3	12.6	54
Rural Districts of Cumberland	15.8	12.5	57
RURAL DISTRICT OF MILLOM	16.24	12.83	61.9





SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

Millom. During the year several new water mains have been laid in the Holborn Hill Ward. In addition several mains in Millom and Haverigg have been renewed.

Progress on the scheme to overcome the shortage of water at Baystone Bank Reservoir, prepared by the Council's Water Engineer has been temporarily held up due to the check in the negotiations for the purchase of the land required for the Pumping Station.

The result of the above interruption has also deferred the sanction to commence work upon the construction of the Filtration Scheme for the Millom and Haverigg districts.

Bootle. A new intake tank and reservoir at Bootle, to augment the deficient supply in the area, has been constructed. Several miles of 5", 4" and 3" main have been laid throughout the area. A new Shunt-Feed Chlorinator has been installed on the Supply, which will effectively sterilize the whole of the water consumed.

Seascale. With the installation of the Electrically driven Booster Pump at Holmrook for the Seascale Water Supply, complaints of water shortage during the twelve months have been negligible in spite of the greatly increased demands for water in this area.

Several new supplies have been installed during the year.

General. Chlorinators are being installed on the Devoke, Whicham and The Green Water Supplies, after which installation the whole of the Council's Water Supplies will be chlorinated.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

Millom. Many of the sewers in the town are in a bad state and will eventually have to be renewed and relaid.

I would like particularly to draw your attention to the sewer which discharges on to the Embankment. The Embankment is used as a playground by the children of the town and in its present condition it is an undesirable place for such use. The sewer discharges into the tidal water, but it is quite near to the footpath and is a potential danger to public health. I



have consulted Mr. Hankey about the possibility of diverting this sewerage into the Lancashire Road sewer and thus doing away with the discharge of sewerage on to the Embankment. Following this suggestion Mr. Hankey is preparing a scheme to place before you for your favourable consideration.

Haverigg. Haverigg sewers with three separate outlets on the Foreshore are highly unsatisfactory. While realising the present time is inopportune for dealing with this situation, I wish to keep the matter before the Council for their attention at the cessation of hostilities.

Bootle. I am pleased to be able to report that a new Sewage Disposal Works has been provided to serve the greater part of the village of Bootle and the War workers Hostels. At the moment only the hostels and the new houses at Bootle are being sewered. The level of the sewer at the new houses is such that it will be easy to continue this to sewer the remainder of Bootle village when the opportune time arrives.

Holmrook. A small Sewage Disposal Works has been provided to serve the Hostels. In my opinion it will be useless to this Authority after the War. Had it been situated on the south side of the village of Holmrook instead of the north, this Authority could have made use of it for sewerage of the village of Holmrook and part of Drigg. The Ministry concerned with the construction of these works were approached with a view to co-operation, but would not consider any proposals from this department.

The Schemes for sewerage Drigg, Holmrook and Eskdale are in abeyance and the improvements to the sewerage system for Ravenglass and Seascale are also deferred until after the War.

SCHOOLS. All the schools in the area were again inspected during the year. Unfortunately I have no improvements to report to buildings, although several of these require attention.

Eskdale High School is still without a water supply, but at the time of writing this report, money is being raised in the Parish to instal a water supply.

Only one school closure was necessary and this was for a small outbreak of Chickenpox at Silecroft School.

At the end of the year there were 475 evacuee children







still in the area.

Air raid shelters are now provided by the County Council for Millom and Haverigg Schools.

The health of the school children was highly satisfactory.

There was no evidence of the war diet having affected the childrens' health detrimentally. The following table gives the nutritional standards of the children examined at the school inspections.

"A" - above normal nutrition	41.87%
"B" - Normal	55.06%
"C" - Slightly sub-normal	3.07%
"D" - Malnutrition	Nil

HOUSING. Work with regard to housing has been slow and difficult during the year, mainly owing to the shortage of labour, but in spite of this much work of an essential nature was carried out.

The housing of work people in the area by Contractors has greatly improved and the conditions at the hostels are now very satisfactory.

The new houses at Millom and Bootle which were commenced in 1941 are nearing completion, but difficulty in obtaining labour has been the chief cause of the delay.

MEAT INSPECTION. During the year I made many inspections of the Central Slaughterhouse at Millom. Although certain improvements have been carried out and the premises kept in a cleaner state than previously, the present premises are far from satisfactory for this purpose, and fall well below the statutory requirements of a public abbatoir.

I am glad to report that the Health Committee at a meeting held in 1941, agreed on the necessity of a public abbatoir when circumstances permit.

The transportation of meat to the outlying districts is now satisfactory.

MILK & DAIRIES ORDERS. I wish to draw the attention of the Council



to the fact that the Milk Marketing Board are taking milk from certain farms in the area which are totally unsuitable for milk production. This particularly applies to the Milk Marketing Board's Depot at Milnthorpe and concerns farms in the southern part of the area. With regard to the northern part of the area we are having co-operation with the people in charge of the Aspatria Depot.

Statutory Notices have been served on most of these unsatisfactory premises, but very little if any attempt has been made to carry out the works asked for. Unfortunately with the Law in its present state, these Notices have to be served on the tenants and not on the owners, and in some cases the tenants are unable to do the work from a financial point of view.

It is a statutory duty of the Council to register all applicants as dairymen and cowkeepers whether the premises are satisfactory or not. If the Local Authority was given power to refuse such registration, probably some progress would be made.

The results of milk sampling are attached, and as will be seen are not as good as they ought to be.

	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Tuberculin Tested	5	2
Accredited	43	24
Ungraded	7	32
	<hr/> 55 <hr/>	<hr/> 58 <hr/>

Two of the samples submitted for animal inoculation proved positive for Tubercle Bacillus.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES.** During the year there was no epidemic of Infectious Disease. There was an increase in the notifications of Pneumonia as will be seen from the Table given, but the deaths from this cause were less than the previous year.

**Diphtheria.** Of the eight cases notified, six had not been immunised. The cases that had been immunised are very interesting. One which occurred in the Bootle area was definitely sub-clinical. There was none of the usual symptoms of Diphtheria but merely had a little sore throat. The child was able to run about and play. The Doctor in attendance took a swab and this proved positive for Diphtheria, and in the interests of Contacts the child was isolated in hospital for





about a week.

The second of these cases occurred whilst the child was undergoing treatment for a fractured arm in Hospital. The child was sharing a room with another child. Both developed Diphtheria on the same day and were transferred to the Isolation Hospital. The child who had been immunised had a very mild attack, whilst the other child who had not been immunised died on the morning of admission to the Isolation Hospital. Undoubtedly, immunisation saved one of these lives.

Diphtheria Immunisation. The position on the 30th June, 1942, with regard to school children is given in the following Table.

No. of Children 5 - 15 still attending School  
who have been Immunised at 30th June, 1942.

<u>SCHOOL.</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u> <u>ON ROLL.</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u> <u>IMMUNISED.</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>IMMUNISED.</u>
Ulpha ... ..	12	11	91.7
Thwaites ... ..	60	46	76.6
Lapstone Road Infants' ...	257	165	64.2
" " Girls' ...	185	161	87.
" " Boys' ...	193	154	79.7
St. James' R.C. Mixed ...	147	123	83.6
Holborn Hill Mixed ...	155	125	80.6
Haverigg Girls' & Infants ..	114	95	83.3
" Boys' ... ..	80	61	76.2
Silecroft ... ..	65	56	86.1
Bootle - Capt. Shaw's ...	39	32	82.
" - Hycemoor ...	47	37	78.7
Waberthwaite ... ..	93	91	97.8
Muncaster ... ..	45	33	73.3
Irton ... ..	25	23	92.
Drigg ..... ..	47	27	57.4
Seascale ... ..	53	35	66.03
Eskdale Low ... ..	45	32	71.1
" High ... ..	27	26	96.3
Millom Secondary ... ..	137	100	72.9
H eaton Technical School ...	29	25	86.2
Preparatory School, Seascale	38	33	86.8
Calder Girls' School, "	58	45	77.5
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1536</u>	<u>78.72</u>

Approximately 100 of these children were immunised by Private Doctors.



In addition 30.89% of the 1-5 population of the area has been immunised.

Whilst the position may be considered satisfactory, I would like to see a higher percentage of the infants immunised against this terrible disease.

Typhoid. The case of Typhoid notified concerned a visitor to the area and it was established beyond doubt after full investigation that he received his infection outside this area. He made a complete recovery.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING  
THE YEAR 1941.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox ...	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	2	-	-
Diphtheria ...	8	8	-
Typhoid ...	1	1	-
Paratyphoid ...	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	2	-	-
Pneumonia ...	41	-	10
Erysipelas ...	9	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	1	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2	2	1 X
Measles ...	23	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	16	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-

X This case was not notified previous to Death.







TUBERCULOSIS. The following table gives the particulars of the cases notified and the deaths from this disease:-

			New Cases.				Deaths.			
			Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	...		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	...		1	3	-	-	-	2	-	-
25 - 35	...		-	2	-	-	1	-	1	1
35 - 45	...		-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	...		-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-
55 - 65	...		-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
65 and upwards			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	...		2	6	2	1	3	3	3	1

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year were:-

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Pulmonary	...	19	26	45
Non-Pulmonary	..	5	7	12



The number of notifications and deaths for the years 1935 - 40 are given below for comparison with the figures for 1941.

		Notifications.				Deaths.			
		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1935	...	12	8	2	3	3	3	1	2
1936	...	7	4	4	2	4	2	0	0
1937	...	3	3	1	2	9	0	0	0
1938	...	6	8	1	2	6	5	0	2
1939	...	5	6	2	3	3	6	1	1
1940	...	4	7	4	0	1	2	0	0
1941	...	2	6	2	1	3	3	3	1



CAUSES OF DEATH FOR 1941.

All Causes.	M.	F.	Total.
	86	80	166
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers ...	-	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever ...	1	-	1
3. Scarlet Fever ...	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough ...	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria ...	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	3	3	6
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	3	1	4
8. Syphilitic diseases ...	-	-	-
9. Influenza ...	-	1	1
10. Measles ...	-	-	-
11. Ac. polio-myelitis & polio-encephalitis	-	-	-
12. Ac. In. encephalitis ...	-	-	-
13. Cancer of b.cav; and oesoph: (M) uterus (F)	2	3	5
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	3	4	7
15. Cancer of breast ...	-	1	1
16. Cancer of all other sites ...	4	2	6
17. Diabetes ...	1	2	3
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions ...	4	12	16
19. Heart disease ...	16	18	34
20. Other disease of the circulatory system	2	1	3
21. Bronchitis ...	6	4	10
22. Pneumonia ...	5	5	10
23. Other respiratory disease ...	1	3	4
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	1	-	1
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years ...	1	-	1
26. Appendicitis ...	-	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases ...	2	1	3
28. Nephritis ...	3	2	5
29. Puerperal and post-abortion. sepsis ...	1	-	1
30. Other maternal causes ...	1	1	2
31. Premature birth ...	2	-	2
32. Con. mal. birth inj. infant disease	3	1	4
33. Suicide ...	1	-	1
34. Road traffic accidents ...	1	-	1
35. Other violent causes ...	6	2	8
26. All other causes ...	15	13	28

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SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1941.

To Dr. I.S. Jones,  
Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my sixth Annual Report of the work carried out in this Department for the year ending 31st December, 1941.

Many difficulties have been experienced during the year under review and particularly so where inspections under the Housing and Public Health Acts have necessitated owners having to carry out repairs. They were faced with the problem of obtaining materials to put in hand such repairs and this, together with the shortage of labour, has been most acute, consequently progress has been somewhat retarded. Having regard to this however, perseverance and co-operation with all concerned enables me to present a fairly satisfactory report on the activities and works put in hand by this Department.

HOUSING. Four cases of Overcrowding have been brought to my notice but seven cases have been abated.

The inspection of dwelling-houses has again been carried out, as far as possible, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, but not in a routine manner as in former years. This has been impossible owing to the many other duties which have now been imposed on the Department. From the report appended herewith, it will be seen that the whole district has been periodically inspected and thorough investigations have been made on every occasion where it has been found necessary to take action under either the Housing of Public Health Acts.

Again I would like the Council to give consideration to the establishment of a Repairs Department on the cessation of hostilities.

Work on the erection of 66 houses in the Millom Parish

THE HISTORY OF THE

REIGN OF KING CHARLES THE FIRST

BY JOHN BURNET

IN TWO VOLUMES. THE FIRST CONTAINS THE HISTORY OF THE REIGN OF KING CHARLES THE FIRST, FROM HIS MARRIAGE TO HIS DEATH. THE SECOND CONTAINS THE HISTORY OF THE REIGN OF KING CHARLES THE SECOND, FROM HIS MARRIAGE TO HIS DEATH.

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at Dumb Lane has made fairly good progress, although here again, labour has been the drawback. If it had been possible to obtain the number of workmen required on this site, the erection of these houses would have been practically completed. Plans for the erection of 54 dwelling houses in the Parish of Bootle were approved in February and these houses are now nearing completion. Approval was also given for the erection of a further 84 houses on the Dumb Lane (West) site in January, but the erection of these has been retarded owing to the trouble mentioned above.

### GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Inspections under the Public Health Acts	176
Inspections under the Housing Acts ...	194
Complaints investigated ...	114
Visit to Factories and Workshops ...	14
Infectious Disease cases ...	18
Inspections under the Petroleum Acts ...	36
Inspections under the Shops Acts ...	39
Interviews with Owners, etc. ...	359
Revisits to Property under Notice ...	789
Visits to Bakehouses ...	51
Visits to Fried Fish Shops ...	21
Visits to Animal Slaughterhouses ...	411
Visits to Butchers Shops ...	129
Inspections of Ice Cream Premises ...	19
Inspections of Dairies, Cowsheds, etc...	203
Houses Disinfected ...	18
Houses Disinfested ...	1
Total ...	<hr/> 1882 <hr/>
Informal Notices Served ...	117
Statutory Notices served P.H.A. ...	114
H.A. ...	50
M. & D. O. ...	14
Total ...	<hr/> 295 <hr/>



IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

Dwelling Houses:-

Repaired or made fit	...	87
Provided with Damp-proof course	...	1
Roofs repaired	...	30
Floors repaired	...	76
Plastered walls and ceilings repaired		160
Windows repaired, made to open, etc.		72
Sash cords renewed	...	126
Food stores provided, repaired, etc.		17
Stairs repaired	...	21
Skirting boards provided or repaired		13
Doors repaired, rehung or renewed	...	41
Firegrates repaired, reset or renewed		44
Chimneys or Chimney stacks repaired		30
New sinks provided and fixed	...	20
Sink wastes repaired or renewed	...	22
Water supply renewed	...	9
Wash coppers repaired or provided	...	16
Vents to Bedrooms	...	12
External walls pointed	...	1
Ovens repaired or renewed	...	19
External walls cemented or tarred	...	40
Dangerous walls repaired	...	16
Yards and Passages paved and drained		12
Yard Paving repaired	...	27
Coal stores provided	...	12
Eaves-gutters and Rain-water Pipes renewed		40

Drains, Water Closets and Ashes Accommodation:-

Obstructed drains cleansed	...	8
Obstructed W.Cs. cleansed	...	10
Yard gullies provided and connected to drain		17
Drains repaired or reconstructed	...	19
Inspection covers renewed	...	6
Septic Tank provided	...	1
W.C. basins renewed	...	31
W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed	...	20
Closet Structures repaired or renewed		12
Ashpits abolished	...	11
Drains Tested	...	151





1. Inspections of Dwelling-houses during the year:

(1) (a) Total number of Dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	370
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	789
(2) (a) Number of Dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ...	194
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	194
(3) Number of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	Nil
(4) Number of Dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	117

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notice:

Number of defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal actions by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	67
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:

(a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	50
(2) Number of Dwelling-Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners ... ..	16
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..	4
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	114



(2) Number of Dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices

(a) by Owners ... 104

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil

(c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil

(2) Number of Dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding:

(a) (1) Number of Dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year ... 7

(2) Number of families dwelling therein ... 8

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 59

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... 4

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... 7

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 49

(d) Particulars of any cases in which Dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... Nil

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... Nil





Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926.

Owing to war conditions, all work and grants under this Act have been suspended. In consequence no work has been carried out in this district during the year.

Plans approved.

During the year, the Council approved the following plans-

(1) For new dwelling-houses:

24 Bungalows at Seascale.  
66 Houses Dumb Lane (East).  
84 Houses Dumb Lane (West).  
54 Houses at Bootle.  
Hostels, Drigg.  
Hostels, Bootle.

(2) Additions or improvements to existing Houses - 1

(3) Other buildings:

(a)	Sewage Purification Works, Irton.	
	Sewage Purification Works, Drigg.	
	Sewage Purification Works, Holmrook.	
	Sewage Purification Works, Bootle.	
(b)	Extensions to Factory -	2
(c)	Canteen	1
(d)	New Cow Byre	1
(e)	Dairies or Cooling Houses	3
(f)	Electricity Substation	1
(g)	Extensions to Loco Shed	1
(h)	Extensions to Reading room	1
(i)	Piggeries	4
(j)	Garages	6
(k)	Dutch Barn	1
(l)	Store Hut	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Infectious diseases have not been so prevalent during the past year.

18 dwelling-houses were disinfected after receiving notification. All bedding etc., was removed and fumigated by the Council's fumigator at the Earl Street Yard. Any defects

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found to exist at these houses at the time of visiting, which might be the indirect cause of infection are reported to the owners and remedied without delay.

3562 blankets in addition to many other articles of clothing were received from the R.A.F. Station together with 366 blankets used by the employees of a Government Contractor and these were also fumigated at the Council's Disinfecting Station.

VERMINOUS PREMISES. One dwelling-house was found to infested with bed bugs and disinfection was carried out accordingly, Cyanide Candles and Insecticide Fluid being used.

SHOPS ACT, 1934. 29 inspections were made under the provisions of this Act and conditions were found to be satisfactory. Alternative sanitary accommodation at one premises was asked for and this has received attention.

BAKEHOUSES. There are 11 registered bakehouses in the area, 3 of which are domestic, and 51 inspections were made.

With the exception of cleaning down the premises, no other serious defects were found.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. No action was deemed necessary during the year under this heading.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. Two earth closets have been dispensed with and conversions made to the water carriage system, one was connected to the Council's sewer and the provision of a septic tank was made for the other. 31 short hopper type closets have been converted to pedestal water closets during the year.

Drains have been reconstructed in 16 instances.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. The Conveniences for the use of the general public in the Millom and Seascale areas have received periodical attention and have been maintained in fairly satisfactory order.

Much malicious damage has been caused at the Conveniences again in the Millom area and many repairs have had to be put in hand as a result. Reports of this damage have frequently been placed before the Council and the assistance of the Police has had to be called upon.





COMMON LODGING HOUSES. There are now no Common Lodging Houses in the area, those previously in use have ceased to be used for this purpose.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS. 14 inspections have been made under the Factory Act during the year. Two notifications were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories with regard to sanitary accommodation and these were immediately dealt with by the department, whilst in one further case, a Notice was served referring to the condition of the premises and this matter was attended to by the owner. All other premises were found to be in fairly satisfactory order.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. The arrangements for Public Cleansing in the Millom Parish are similar to those set out in previous reports. The work of refuse removal has been extended by the Council undertaking the removal in other parishes and it was deemed advisable for a further vehicle to be obtained for this work. In June last, the Council gave favourable consideration to the purchase of another Karrier Bantam Refuse Collector.

To extend the tipping area at the Whitriggs Tip, Haverigg, it has been necessary to cover an open stream which runs through this land and for this purpose 60 yards of 6" pipes have been put down to keep this watercourse clear.

Particulars of the work carried out during the year are as follows:-

Millom.

Ashbins emptied	133,629
Ashpits "	123
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	133,752
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These figures also include the removal of refuse from the R.A.F. Station where collection is made twice each week.

Millom Without.

Refuse removal from this Parish is carried out by the Council, but owing to its scattered nature, it is impossible to collect the refuse in one day, the is therefore divided up, each portion being attended to in turn on alternate weeks.

84 loads of refuse were collected from The Hill, The Green and Lady H all district and 1,557 ashbins were emptied



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in the Kirksanton area.

Whicham.

The work is carried out by the Council, a fortnightly collection being made, the number of ashbins emptied being 3,660.

Bootle.

A fortnightly collection is also operating in this Parish, the Council again being responsible for the work. There were 61 loads of refuse collected.

Muncaster.

The work of refuse removal in this Parish is at present being carried out by a local contractor, but consideration is being given to collection being taken over by the Council.

Drigg.

Collection in this Parish is made fortnightly by a local contractor, the number of bins emptied being 4,242.

Seascale.

The removal of the house refuse from this Parish was commenced by the Council's own vehicles on the 2nd October. A weekly service is being carried out and to date has given every satisfaction. The number of ashbins emptied being 14,380.

In addition to the details outlined above, the collection of Salvage has taken up a considerable amount of the employees time as will be seen from the particulars set out below of the various materials which have been salvaged and disposed of during the year.

<u>Material.</u>		<u>Weight.</u>			
		Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Paper	...	74	6	2	-
Scrap Iron	...	19	7	-	-
Tins	...	22	-	-	-
Aluminium	...	-	1	2	14
Lead	...	-	1	2	7
Brass	...	-	-	3	24
Copper	...	-	-	2	-
Bottles	...	5	8	-	-
Rags, etc.,	...	-	14	2	10
Bones	...	-	6	1	-





MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER.

During the year, 203 inspections were made under the Milk and Dairies Order. Resulting from these inspections, it was found necessary to issue Notices in 14 instances. Many of these related chiefly to the cleaning down of the Byres etc. New cooling houses and dairies have been provided at 5 premises and one new byre has been erected.

The number of registrations to date include:-

Producers of Milk	220
Wholesale Purveyors of Milk	122
Retail Purveyors of Milk	26
Wholesale and Retail Purveyors	19

Samples of the milk supplied to the schools in the area have been taken at frequent intervals during the period under review.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The arrangements for the slaughtering of animals for human consumption are the same as those set out in the 1940 report, and so far as inspection is concerned, Central Slaughtering is very satisfactory.

Various improvements have been carried out during the year to the premises which are now used and these have greatly improved the premises so far as cleanliness and the method and manner of slaughtering of the animals is concerned, in addition to facilitating the inspection of each carcase. These improvements, however, do not bring the premises up to the standard desired, and once again may I stress the importance of the Council giving their earnest and favourable consideration to the provision of a Public Abattoir.

The inspection and examination of all animals slaughtered is carried out in accordance with Memo 62 Foods.

The total number of animals slaughtered was 11,792 made up as follows:-

Cattle (excluding cows)	523
Cows	263
Calves	108
Sheep	10488
Pigs	410

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The following unsound meat was destroyed:-

	<u>T.B.</u>	<u>Diseases Other than T.B.</u>
Bovine Carcasses	2	3
" Heads	47	4
" Livers	53	141
" Lungs	55	11
" Forequarters	2	2
" Hindquarters	1	4
Calf Carcasses.	-	1
" Livers	1	-
" Lungs	1	1
Sheep Carcasses	-	5
" Heads	-	1
" Livers	-	194
" Lungs	-	10
" Forequarters	-	1
" Hindquarters	-	5
" Leg	-	1
Pig Carcasses	1	1
" Heads	13	2
" Livers	1	1
" Lungs	2	1
Total weight of Meat destroyed	4789 lbs.	4307 lbs.

Total weight of Meat destroyed - 9096 lbs.

### Emergency Slaughtering.

182 inspections were made of Pigs slaughtered for human consumption in the rural area.

The number of registered slaughtermen in the district, licensed by this Authority total 35.

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

#### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Periodical visits have been made to all premises in the district where food is manufactured for human consumption and



everything was found to be in satisfactory condition.

During routine inspection of shops, the following food-stuffs were found on examination to be unfit for human consumption and were accordingly removed and destroyed:-

<u>Foodstuff.</u>	<u>Weight.</u>			
	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Potatoes	5	-	-	-
Onions	-	3	2	17
Cabbage	-	6	-	-
Bacon	-	-	3	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ham	-	-	-	13
Sausage	-	-	1	7
Cheese	-	-	-	16
Cod Fish	-	-	1	-
Fish Fillets	-	-	-	14
Eggs	4 dozen.			
Milk	6 tins.			
Turnips	1 tin.			
Beans	1 tin.			

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Millom. To meet the demands of the new houses on the Dumb Lane Housing Estates and in view of the bad condition of the existing sewer in this area, work was commenced in October of laying an entirely new 15" diameter earthenware sewer in Dumb Lane. Approximately 130 yards of new sewer has been laid and 2 manholes have been entirely reconstructed.

Blockages have again occurred quite frequently on many of the main sewers but approval has now been given to relay several lengths of these sewers and this will be done as the opportunity occurs.

One new manhole has been provided on the main sewer at Sandham Lane, Haverigg.

30 yards of 9" sewer has been relaid in Back Newton Street, Millom, and a new manhole constructed at the junction of this sewer in Queen Street, Millom.

46 yards of sewer has been relaid from Cleator Street to Church Walk, Holborn Hill, Millom and one manhole reconstructed in Church Walk.

An additional manhole has been constructed in Moor Road,





Millom, for the sewer from the Queens Park Housing Estate.

Stoppages on the main sewer at Moor Moss, Haverigg, which serves the West Coast Chrome Tanning Co., have been very frequent during the year and these have caused considerable nuisance to the occupants of the cottages in the vicinity, in addition to the general public who use this road. It is hoped that in the very near future this nuisance will be abated as negotiations are being carried out with the object of laying an entirely new 15" diameter sewer.

Bootle. Work was commenced during the year on the erection of a Sewage Disposal Works in this Parish to meet the requirements of the hostels for the Ministry of Works & Buildings and the 54 houses which are in course of erection for this Authority. Work on the sewer from the new works to the housing estate was put in hand in November and is still in progress.

The arrangements for sewage disposal in the remainder of the Parish are the same as have been previously reported.

Muncaster. The position is the same as set out in previous reports as far as sewage disposal facilities are concerned.

Drigg. There is still no change to report regarding arrangements in this Parish.

Seascale. There is no change to report in this Parish.

Schools. Frequent inspections have been carried out at the various schools in the area. No action has been taken at any school.

Eskdale High and Eskdale Low schools are still without modern sanitation and much correspondence with the Managers and many interviews taken place between this department and the authorities concerned with regard to this important matter. A Scheme is now being formulated to solve these problems.

#### CAMPING.

Licences under Section 269 of the Public Health Act were issued as follows:-

Camping Site	1
Moveable dwellings	9

14 inspections have been made and the site was found fairly satisfactory.

I am,  
Your obedient Servant,

J. HANKEY,  
Sanitary Inspector.



